

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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WHAT WILL THE GREAT DAY OF PRAYER ACCOMPLISH ?

MANY WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN THIS DRIVE! GOD BLESS THEM!

DIFFERENT STYLES OF PREACHERS

Dispositions Can be Changed by The Power of God and Culture.

CERTAIN THINGS THAT SHOULD BE DONE

I once knew a man whose disposition seemed to be anything but pleasant. Nearly every word he spoke had a kind of a cold frozen ring to it. To hear him talk at times caused the cold chills to run through my body. I often experienced a peculiar fear creep over me in his presence. I was only a boy, but I remember it well.

I grew up to young manhood and he grew older. I embraced religion and he seemed to harden his heart. He seemed to love me all right and as a friend I thought well of him, but there was a wide chasm between us. He lived on one side and I on the other. I prayed and he criticized. I had prayers in my home and he had the opposite. And although there was never any trouble between us, yet we were far apart. I was on the road to heaven and he was on the road to hell.

I do not think he really wanted to be cross and cold so as to make people uncomfortable in his presence, but it was just that way in spite of anything that he did to make it otherwise.

He was a hard working man, honest in his dealings, made a comfortable living for his family, but did not gain anything and did not have a happy home. It was himself that made his home unpleasant and unhappy.

Time ran on and he got older. He was taken sick. He had a long spell of sickness. I had the privilege of helping to wait on him. Finally he was about to die. He thought his time had come to go. He was unprepared. Death was frightful to him. He had no hope whatever. All was dark. One morning very early he sent for me. The messenger did not tell me what he wanted, but he urged me to hurry. It was about two miles to his home and I had to walk or rather I hurried faster than a walk most of the way. I hurried on in a state of wonder. I supposed he was about dead.

As soon as I arrived I hurried right into the house and up to his bed. Before I had time to scarcely speak he looked wildly at me and strength seemed to come suddenly to him and he raised up quickly and seized me around my neck and pulled me down over him on the bed. He began to scream and tell me he was lost, and begged me to pray for him. When I was able to get myself released from his strong hold I began to pray. And the Lord gave me a spirit of prayer and it seemed the words wended their way upward till they reached the throne. God heard and answered and the dear man was saved. The change was so sudden and unexpected that I was almost dazed. I finally concluded that that was the reason he sent for me.

Well, it is almost useless to tell you that his disposition was changed completely. He was a different man from that moment to his dying day. Instead of the cold freezing words there

was a warmth and peace. I no more dreaded to be in his presence. This was a transformation by the power of God. And the transformation was lasting. The old way never returned.

A few days after he was converted a certain brother called on him and during his prayer for him the Lord graciously healed him. He arose from his bed, ran and danced about the room, and rejoiced in a Savior's love and His power to heal.

This dear brother lived several years to tell of his wonderful experience. And he did not have to tell it for people to know it because the change was so miraculous that everybody that knew him and saw him knew of the change.

I have given this incident to show how dispositions can be changed suddenly by the power of God. But I have seen others who were, I suppose, just as truly converted, but their dispositions were not changed so suddenly. It was by a slower process of cultivation that they changed from the harsh cold disposition to a sweet and lovable tone of voice and their conversation attractive and pleasant.

Now, there are different styles of preachers. Probably they are all needed and I guess almost all kinds can be useful. There is a tendency with some to edify and buoy people up and make them feel refreshed and good. Then there is the opposite class that seem to affect their hearers in such a manner that they will hardly want to come back to meeting the second time. Why this difference I do not know. But I know there is a difference.

Years ago I discovered this, long before I knew I would ever be a preacher. Under the sermons of some I would be edified and blest while under the preaching of others I would feel worse when I went home than I did before I went to the service. With some preachers there seems to be a kind of an upward tendency from the beginning of their discourse till the close, and there are others that start out well and seem to lose as they go, until, by the time of closing, the whole congregation seems almost frozen. The former feeds and blesses until the whole congregation is refreshed, while the latter digs and gouges and puts the black veil over the entire congregation so they all feel hurt and gloomy.

Which kind of a preacher do you want to be? Which kind are you now? In a meeting years ago the songs were slow and gloomy. There was no life, no joy, no good feeling. The prayers were cold and formal. The meeting was well on its way when suddenly the door opened and in walked a brother who was unavoidably late that night. He closed the door quickly but quietly, walked rapidly on tip-toe up to the front. At once there was a noticeable change in the spirit of the meeting. The songs became more lively, the prayers were more fervent, the whole atmosphere seemed to be filled with an invigorating feeling that buoyed every body up.

I suppose I will never forget that incident.

That man later became a preacher. Do you suppose he was one of those that threw cold shot into his congregation till they were all killed, or do you think he was of the other disposition? I know what you will say. Yes, and you are right. He was of that class that lifted his congregation up to the skies very often in a manner that they could scarcely hold themselves quiet long enough for him to finish his discourse. And I have seen him finish his discourse and close his services and slip away and leave his congregation shouting and praising God because their souls were fed and they were edified and lifted up into the heavenly atmosphere.

I have read somewhere that it is the duty of the preacher to feed the flock over which he is watching for their souls. Do any of you preachers remember any such advice being given? Do you think that is Bible advice? Listen! I will give it to you as it has been given me. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28) This does not say to whip and scold and "dig up" and wear out by telling them their faults and hurting their spirits by reflecting upon them in your discourse. He says to feed them.

I never knew so well about what the Bible means in many places where it mentions sheep and feeding the flock etc. until I learned something about the disposition of sheep. Sheep can be worried, and treated rough, and driven about till they are tired out, and dogged about, but they will not lie down till they are fed and get their hunger satisfied. But the moment they get full they are ready to lie down and be satisfied.

And the Bible uses sheep to represent people—The Lord's people. Then I conclude the best way to quell disturbances and stop backbiting, faultfinding, disagreement, hurt feelings, grievances and other aches and ills is to feed them so they will get full. When they are full of spiritual food there will be no tendency to go to questionable places for amusement or entertainment. There will be no tattling and ill feelings toward each other nor any trouble to have to fix up with one another.

Years ago when I was traveling and holding meetings I was at one place where I felt sorry for the minister. The first few days I was there his flock kept him nearly run to death, and he told me he was kept busy that way a good deal of the time. He had to go and help reconcile and get his members on good terms with one another. I have decided that his sheep were hungry, was the reason they would but and bang one another about, so it kept him busy trying to pacify them. And this all stopped in a few days when they got their souls fed on the good bread of life.

Brother pastor, feed your flock. It is the best way to quell disturbances you ever saw. Con-

ferences, church trials, preaching that "digs people up," scolding, "skinning" will never stop disturbances like a good square meal of soul food given from the Word of God and flowing from a compassionate heart.

I have read somewhere of shepherds that feed themselves, eat the fat, clothe themselves with the wool, kill them that are fed, but they do not feed the flock. I wonder what is meant by this. Probably that Scripture does not apply now, but I wonder if there could possibly be any shepherd anywhere that is going to satisfy himself in delivering his sermon whether he feeds the flock or not.

I once heard of a preacher who said, "I am going to deliver this message God has given me whether it satisfies the people or not." Well, he delivered his message, and his message nearly killed his congregation. Were they fed? The message gave rise to debates and strife among the members as they took sides for or against. He said the Lord gave him the message, but I do not see how that could be when the Bible says "Feed" them instead of hounding them and worrying them. When the sheep are fed they will lie down because they are satisfied, and I assure you that when men are filled full of spiritual food they will neither debate, strive nor take sides and get up disturbances.

Following the message to the shepherds who kill the flock instead of feeding them, the Lord by the mouth of Ezekiel says, "I will feed them in a good pasture . . . there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed." (Ezek. 34:14) Now I conclude that the message that stings and cripples, and kills is not a message from the Lord, because the Lord's message feeds so they will lie down. This means they will be satisfied, contented and happy. "I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down." This certainly is proof that when the Lord's message is given the flock will be fed.

This reads like the shepherd Psalm. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." How does he do this? Does He trip them up, and by main force make them lie down? No! He feeds them so good and they get so full that they drop down right in the middle of the "green pastures."

Beloved, remember that the Lord's message will feed the flock. And if the flock gets into a wrangle, or they tattle about, and talk ugly about one another, it is evidence that they are not satisfied, and if such conditions exist it is evidence they have not been fed good. Because when they are fed good they will lie down and be satisfied.

But what is the soul food that satisfies the flock? What did Paul mean to feed the Church of God? Let him answer the question. He says he "fed" them "with milk," and Peter explains it more fully when he says, "the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." (1Pet. 2:2) This milk of the Word is for the new born babes. But the older Christians must be fed on some stronger diet. The Bible names it "strong meat." And this must be fed to them in the right way

so they will get the good from it that they need.

The Bible plan is to have the members "fitly joined together and compacted." (Eph. 4:16.) And this condition is to be brought about largely by the minister in charge. If his ministry has a tendency to separate rather than draw together he should know at once that there should be a change made in his efforts.

A certain minister was sent as pastor to a certain place where the members were slightly drawn apart on account of some little happenings. He was not wanted. When he arrived he was treated very coldly. He shook hands with the members and spoke to them very kindly. He went into the pulpit to preach. His spirit was grieved because he knew he was not wanted. He could scarcely preach, but he did his best and made no reference whatever to the coldness that he met. He fed them the very best he could. At the night service he was free and preached with ease and much unction. He kept on feeding them from time to time and soon a revival broke out. By this time all differences and ill feelings had vanished. The year's work was over and the congregation were unanimous for his return. And the victory was won by refraining from any mention of coldness or trouble. The minister only fed his flock.

I tell you, beloved, if a flock is fed just right, some on milk and some on strong meat, there will be no contentions, no tattling, backbiting, ill feelings or division. If you see any trouble brewing, or any division coming, or find there are feelings existing, just feed them on the Word of God and they will all soon be quietly lying around in the green grass as happy as they can be. And these are some of the certain things that should be done so that the Church may grow and prosper.

The Big Drive

I want to say something more about the big drive that is now on. I believe the prayers that will go up tomorrow, Sunday the 22, will reach the throne. I can only speak for myself, but I feel dependent upon Him. I am resting in Him, sweetly trusting His almighty grace.

We have the assurance that we have His approval on our work. The Evangel is His very own. He knows it must have a home. And of course its home must not have a big debt hanging over it.

Years ago God told Moses that there must be a home prepared for the "ark of the covenant." This ark contained the tables of stone, the pot of Manna, and Aaron's rod that budded. After the tabernacle of witness was reared the ark was taken in and set in its place.

Of course the Evangel is not the ark, but it is a great factor in God's hands. It is flying, flying, rapidly over the world and must have a home to start from. We all believe it must have a home and that home must be paid for. Thousands are interested in this matter. This has been proven by the liberal contributions that have been flowing in to help lift the debt. And now I feel that we are so greatly interested that we

will give ourselves to prayer tomorrow.

Just think of the volume of prayer that will ascend the hill of the Lord. I fancy I see these prayers coming up before God. They are honest and sincere prayers. It will not be like our dear Heavenly Father to disregard our cries. I know He will hear us and come to our help.

Oh, mighty prayer day! Thou wilt uncover hidden treasures! Thou wilt unlock the heavy iron doors that close the passages to the vaults where money is laid away unused and of no value while lying there idle! Thou wilt unlock the strongest and most repulsive combinations! Yea, thou wilt win in this great drive! Thou wilt carry us victoriously over the top in this tremendous struggle! Thou wilt indeed find the means, pay the debts, and destroy the notes! Hallelujah!

And who would want to disobey when God speaks? Who would want to say "no" to God or render some excuse? I'm sure He will talk to some body. He will give His people a chance to obtain the blessing, and I believe they will heed His voice. But if any of them should fail, God is not so dependent upon them that the drive will fail because of their failure. But I do not believe anyone will refuse and fail. And I am sure there will be a mighty stirring among the people after this great prayer day tomorrow. And God is going to do the stirring. Praise be to His wonderful name! Love to all!

Afton, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—
Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise to God for what He is to me. I praise Him for sanctifying me and giving me the light on the Pentecostal way. I have started to go all the way at any cost. It is wonderful what the Lord has done for me at this place.

I am so glad the Church of God has been set in order here, so we can worship as God wants us to. I praise God for bringing me into His church. Bless His dear name! I have accepted all of God's Word.

We praise the Lord for our same overseer, M. W. Letsinger. We are expecting great things.

Pray much for us and pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost and be ready when He comes.

Your saved sister,
Mrs. C. H. Swanner.

Odum, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints— Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I have been reading the Evangel and the testimonies are so good. It makes me feel so good to read the paper for there are no Church of God people here. I am a member and want to do something for Jesus, the One who did so much for me. I want to get closer to Jesus and do His will until He comes or calls.

Pray for my unsaved husband that he may be a believer, and have the sweet presence of Jesus. Also pray for my unsaved father and brother.

Your unworthy sister in Christ,
Mrs. Robert Dent.

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The first day of March will be the "Birthday" of the Evangel. It will be ten years old.

The Bible school students want us to urge everybody to read the first page article this week.

I think we all need to celebrate on the FIRST DAY OF MARCH, as the Evangel is ten years old that day. Suppose we do it by each one getting a new subscriber.

Some one wrote a few days since and asked if we believed in sanctification as an instantaneous work or a gradual growth. We gladly reply, INSTANTANEOUS.

The last report of the "mountain" drive showed the receipts were \$3,980.68. The report this week shows \$4,054.05. This puts us away up toward the top, but we still need \$2,320.20 to put us over the top. I'm sure the Lord will have it sent after next Sunday's prayer.

The work the Assembly marked out for the advancement of the Sunday-school interests has not been fully worked out yet and put in operation but we hope to get it matured and ready to assume practical form in a few weeks.

The first week in March the Evangel may contain an article that was in the very first issue, and only about 300 people read it; now it will probably be read by 75,000 or more. That is some increase in ten years.

Some churches are collecting tithes by the envelope system, others by a tithe box that members put their tithes into promiscuously without any special record being kept of those who pay or the amount, and still others have the money paid directly to the treasurer and he takes the names and keeps a record of what each one pays. Either of these plans are very good,

but it is not best for any pastor to try to enforce either plan so rigidly that it will bring grief and discomfort to any. On the other hand, it is always better for all the members to willingly fall into line with what ever plan is adopted. If the envelope system is adopted then let every member accept it willingly and all work together. If some other plan is adopted then fall into that. The object is to pay tithes and each one is expected to be honest with himself and the Lord. I can pay tithes under any system that I have heard of yet. I pay tithes because I want to, and I do not care what system is adopted for their collection together.

The death angel is doing his deadly work again this winter. I wish to express my deep sympathy for every family that is broken by the hand of death. God bless and sustain the bereaved ones.

Let the Virginia friends get ready for the big EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE that has been announced for the entire month of March. Write us for particulars and we will gladly give you the information and send you subscription blanks. We want to see old Virginia come to the front with her subscription list.

The Home Bible Training School closes Friday, April 2. The exercises and presentation of diplomas will be at the church the night of the last day. Friends are invited to attend. And we are making the announcement early so those at a distance can prepare to come and be with us. A good time is expected, and it will be demonstrated then whether the school is doing any good or not.

The minutes of the Assembly are going now by the hundreds at 25c single copy, \$2.50 per dozen, and in larger lots at the special rates. We believe the demand will be greater for this record of the Assembly proceedings than has been for the previous Assemblies. There is something in the air. Let us have your orders.

The sixth of March we expect to make the Evangel a foreign mission paper. Then on the 14th. of March we will expect to see fruits of a greater interest in missions. We are expecting reports of churches set in order both in South America and China almost any day. Praise the Lord.

Out of sixty nine churches in Tenn. fifty one have reported for Jan. Out of seventeen churches in West Va. twelve have reported. Out of fourteen in Ill. ten have reported. Thirty six in Ala., twenty three reported. Every church in Ind., La., North Dak., New Jersey, and Pa. have reported. All the other states have a few churches that have not reported. There is some work yet to be done. Let us do it. What if the Assembly should make a ruling not to recognize any church that does not report?

Send for extra copies of the Evangel and get subscriptions and help us spread the good news. Let the good work go on everywhere, and let us roll up to 25,000 by the Assembly. Is that too much to expect? I fancy I hear many say, No! We must have them.

As we are about ready to close our forms a special request for prayer comes in from Spencer Beard of Knoxville, Tenn., for his two baby boys who are sick with measles.

Requests

Lizzie Palmore of Stonewall, Ga. has asthma and desires the prayers of the saints to be healed.

Lizzie Gordon of Oakvale, W. Va. has stomach trouble and nervous spells. Pray that she will be healed.

Mary Erritt of Island, Ky. asks you to remember her, her unsaved husband and five children in your prayers.

Julia J. Woodall, Roseboro, N. C. would be glad for the saints to join her in prayer for the recovery of her father's health.

Bertha Burgess of Ritta, Fla. wants the saints to help her pray that her son may be reclaimed. He is seeking the Lord again.

Katie Duggar of Glen St. Mary, Fla. has rheumatism in one foot and desires the saints to pray that she will be healed.

Lydia Connett, Norris City, Ill. desires the saints to pray that she may be saved and that her husband may be healed. He has had rheumatism three years.

Mrs. W. L. Taylor of Bogue, N. C. desires the saints to pray that she may receive the Holy Ghost and do the Lord's will. Pray for her unsaved children.

Mrs. Eudora Jones of Newport, N. C. requests special prayer for the Holy Ghost. She realizes that Jesus is coming soon, and she will need the Holy Ghost then.

W. C. Thomas of Walnut Grove, Ala., has once been sanctified. He now requests the saints to pray that he may be reclaimed, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Sarah J. Packe, Schuler, Okla. wants the saints to please pray that she may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Also pray that her husband and five children may be saved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cape of Oakley, Wyo. asks the saints to pray a special prayer that they may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and become members of the Church of God.

Mrs. Lula Davis of Ft. Pierce, Fla. has a daughter who has been sick five months. She requests the saints to pray that she may be healed. She is trusting wholly in the Lord.

Hester Cupp of Deering, Ky. has lost the use of her right hand, also has epileptic fits. She suffers very much. Pray that the cause of her affliction will be removed and that she will be healed.

W. T. Cannady of Sulphur Springs, Texas earnestly desires the prayers of the saints that he may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Also pray that he may be healed of a cough which he has had several years. He takes no medicine.

H. Smith, Milan, Ala. asks all who read this to pray that his wife will receive the Holy Ghost. He also requests prayer that his brother who has had fits several years may be healed.

He wants some one to come to Milan to hold a meeting in the fall. Any who come will be well cared for.

Wakefield, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Readers:

I am still trying to live for Jesus. I am saved, sanctified and

the great Comforter abides in my soul and keeps me praising God for the wonderful way.

There are only a few holiness people around here and as we have no house of worship close by, we hold prayer meetings once or twice a week at the homes. All of you help me pray that our meetings may be successful in winning souls for Jesus.

The Lord healed my mother of the lagrippe, and I thank Him for His goodness.

Pray that my husband and children may be saved, and that I may have more faith in God. Yours for Jesus,

Mrs. Rosalie Baker.

Altavista, Va

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for saving me from sin about two years ago and I want to keep saved. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may be truly sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost like they did on the day of Pentecost.

I am a member of the Church of God and I believe in all her teachings. This is the only way I can find in the Bible and I want to go to heaven the Bible way. I don't want to climb up some other way. Praise the Lord! I want to go by way of the cross.

Please pray that God will help me to do His will at all times.

Your unworthy brother,
J. B. Adams.

Feels Like a New Man.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to report victory in my soul these last days. I am glad I know I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and speak in other tongues. Bless His dear name!

I am now seventy-eight years old and I have never felt better. I feel like a new man. I feel the fire burning in my soul. Glory to God, it is wonderful. I am ready to start to the heathen land or any where God wants me to go.

I am glad I am in the Church of God which is coming to the front these last days. Bless God!

I am looking for the Son of God and I am ready to meet Him in the air. These are the last days which have been prophesied. I thank God because I ever saw the signs of the times. I am looking for wonderful miracles. It will take close living to God to wake souls.

Your loving brother in Christ,
Jerry Miller.

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Knowho district, overseer, E. C. Smith; churches, East Bank, Crown Hill, Ward, Cedar Grove, Shrewsbury, Hugheston and Kaymoore.

Oakvale district, overseer S. H. Worley; churches, Oakvale, Guyatts, Leckie, Powatan, and Mc Dowell.

Elk River district, overseer, James Cline.

Parkersburg district, overseer, W. H. Rodgers.

Logan district, overseer, W. M. Rumler (at present); churches, Logan and Huntington.

Your servant
W. M. Rumler.

To the Ministers of W. Va.—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

Come, let us reason together. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14.

Beloved, I understand that there are some who hold minister's license to preach the gospel who are also working at the mines and other manual labor. This proves to me that they were not called of God to preach or they are disobeying the Lord one and hindering His cause and keeping souls out of the great Church of God that would come in if they had a chance. As long as you ministers work by the side of a member of the Church of God, he will not want to pay tithes which belong to the ministers. By this the work of the Lord is hindered on every line.

I want all of you to consider this matter and decide what you are going to do for we must have men who are putting in their time for the Lord. We are tired of men working and preaching only once in a while. We want men who will work all the time for the Lord, for this gospel must go and the flocks must be fed. If these men won't work and make their monthly reports, we will have to pray out some that will. Let us move up and evangelize old W. Va. this year as never before.

The ministers and treasurers who failed to make their reports for Nov. and Dec. are requested to make them out separately and send to head quarters at once. Remember the words of the Lord, "Feed my sheep."

Let me hear from all what you have decided to do. With lots of love and prayers for all of you, I am,

Your unworthy servant,
W. M. Rumler, overseer of W. Va.

Obituaries

Gone to Heaven.

The Lord saw best to take from the home of Brother and Sister Bobo, little Bonnie Boete, aged four months. He died Jan. 29, 1920.

He was well cared for here and he is now in the arms of Jesus. One more jewel gone to beckon the others home to rest. His place is vacant here and we can only look to that reunion on the other shore when the family will be together.

One in sympathy with the family,

His aunt,
M. A. Sanders.

Our beloved sister, Annie Alexa departed this life, Feb. 6, 1920. She was in bed two months but she was always willing to go if it were the Lord's will to take her. She was saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost a few years ago, and she was always happy in the Lord.

She leaves a husband, her children and many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we know that we shall meet her some day on that beautiful shore, where there will be no more sorrow, no more pain.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Beliska,
Bessemer, Mich.

On Jan. 30, 1919, the death angel visited the home of Brother Nathaniel Moxey and took him away, aged 66 years, after a short illness.

He left to mourn his loss a wife and several daughters but

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On January 8, 1920 the death angel visited the home of the wife and took her to be with the Lord. She was 65 years of age. The morning she died she told me that she believed she was dying. Her death was caused by a bleeding tumor in her breast. She bore her sickness patiently.

I spoke to her about the Christ who died for her, she was ready to be with the Lord. A short time before her death she told us to watch that she would become speechless. She became speechless at twelve o'clock and at one o'clock she fell asleep in Jesus.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Chas. Maycock, her father, W. W. and O. J. Maycock, her brothers.

I am your brother,
O. J. Maycock.
Ragged Island, Bahamas

From the Battlefield

A church was set in order at Saldee, Ky. by G. W. Gambill dist. overseer, and helpers. Twenty three members; H. V. Lawson, pastor; G. W. Gambill and R. J. Clay, deacons; Clara Gambill, clerk and treasurer.

W. H. Martin of Logan, Ill. reports, "The revival meeting closed with victory. Ten were saved, five sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost and one was added to the great Church of God."

D. F. Barnett of Desloge, Mo. reports, "Our overseer, Brother E. L. Pinkley, has been with us and the Lord blessed him in giving out the Word. Two were saved, two sanctified, six received the Holy Ghost and one was added to the Church of God. The saints were encouraged to press on."

A Macedonian Call

To the Evangel Readers and Saints Scattered Abroad:

I love Jesus better than anything else. I praise Him for sparing my life until I saw the highway of holiness. When I heard the true gospel preached, I saw the people had a better experience than I had, and I wanted the Holy Ghost.

I am saved, sanctified and enjoying the Holy Ghost. I have had the experience three years. I am a member of the Church of God at Estell, Ga.

We are praying for God to send a Holy Ghost man to preach at Sunny-side, Ga. People are hungry for salvation. We have a place to hold meeting, the promise of an organ and organist and helpers in the singing if some one can come to hold a meeting. We will take care of one who will really hold up Jesus to win lost souls.

Your sister redeemed by the blood,

Mrs. M. E. Greer,
Lafayette, Ga. R. F. D. 2.

FAITH HEALS TWISTED BACK OF LITTLE GIRL

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People call it a miracle. Grace Holt's father called it faith.

When Grace Holt, now fourteen years of age, and one of the brightest pupils of the Lee street school, was a baby fourteen months old, she was afflicted with double curvature of the spine, which physicians despaired of correcting. If she lived until two and a half years old, they said, she might be put into a plaster cast, and the evil repaired, but she would never be able to walk. She was a tiny anemic little body, emaciated to a pitiful degree, and weighing only eleven and a half pounds.

And yet, one day, almost in the twinkling of an eye, little Grace was healed, and in three days was able to sit up, although she had never done so before. Within a few months she was able to walk, and do all the things that a normal child of her age might do.

The case created a sensation at that time, and the Rev. A. R. Holderby, now living in College Park, a life long friend of the family, says that it is one of the most remarkable occurrences that has ever come to his attention. Dr. Holderby, though then and now a minister of the Presbyterian church, was formerly a doctor of medicine, and his opinion of the case may be taken as that of an expert familiar with all the circumstances.

Little Grace received treatment from several physicians, among them Dr. C. K. Mooring, osteopath, but the osteopathic treatments, so her father says, seemed to cause the child such excessive pain that they were discontinued.

Charles Holt, the father says that always the affliction of his daughter was like a weight on his mind and heart. Daily he prayed that she might be healed.

One day he came home from church, and taking his little one on his knee, passed his hand over the afflicted portion of the back. It was like passing the hand over a row of marbles. He says that he prayed the prayer of his faith, and begged that God would give him a sign. Suddenly he felt a vibration in his fingers, which communicated itself like electricity to his entire body, and he felt the crooked part of his baby's spine give way under his touch.

Laughing and crying at the same time, he called to his wife in joyful tones, "Dora, our baby is going to get well!"

From that day on her improvement was rapid. People came from far and near to see the result of this wonderful healing.

Mr. Holt and his family, who now live at 24 York avenue, West End, are members of the Church of God.

"All the other churches," said Mr. Holt, "carry out part of the symbols of the Master's teaching. We carry them all out, and try to live them as well. We are not ashamed to wash each other's feet, and we do it just as it was done when He set the example." And all must agree that this is perhaps the most favorable lesson of humility contained in the New Testament.

He says that many other remarkable healings have been effected for those who came in faith to the altar. Sight has been restored after partial blindness, even pellagra and tuberculosis have yielded where faith was strong. Many who have come to scoff have remained to pray, and all have gone away rejoicing and praising God.

"The trouble with most people," said Mr. Holt, "is that they think they have faith when they

haven't. They are willing to accept miracles that happened centuries ago, but they would be frightened at seeing one come to pass before their eyes today, and are skeptical of the ones that they hear of second-hand. Like Peter, when Jesus bade him walk to Him on the water, they would be afraid, and straightway begin to sink."

—And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him and said unto him, "O, thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"—

And there's Grace Holt, pretty and winsome with frank blue eyes and blond tresses caught back by a girlish bow, who plays the piano, standing shoulder to shoulder with her classmates, who hasn't a doubt in the world that she was cured by faith.

"Jewel Joints"

Mrs. B. L. Shepherd

In the song of Solomon, we have a most beautiful description of the bride. Every part of the bride's make up is inimitably described. The eyes like doves' eyes, the temple as pomegranates, the teeth as a flock of sheep, the hair as a flock of goats, the hands as a gold ring, the legs as pillars of marble, the cheeks as sweet flowers, the lips lilies, etc. Many wonderful things are said of her exquisite, spiritual beauty, but lovely as are all her ornaments and rich as are the symbols used to describe her spiritual graces, there is no word so choice as the one given to the joints. "The joints of thy thighs are like jewels." (Song of Sol. 7:1.)

The joints, the unseen covered forces are called jewels. Unseen by all except that great Eye, before which all is naked and open. No admiration is given these hidden powers, no honor bestowed upon them and scarcely any notice at all until, alas, they get stiff and out of working order. Then the entire body is called into sympathy.

We know when the natural joints become stiff and refuse to work, the entire body becomes a painful failure. See the many invalids in wheel chairs and on crutches, who are victims of stiff joints. What makes these joints stiff?—Lack of lubricating oil. In the human body as well as in machinery, every part must be kept off every other part by the continual oiling at every point of contact.

Just so with the body of our Lord (The Church of God) the blessed oil of the Holy Spirit, the holy anointing oil, must be upon us and, between us constantly. David said, "I shall be anointed with fresh oil." That is what a lot of us need, dear ones, an anointing of fresh oil. The old oil gets all gummed up and the constant friction of the machinery uses up the supply and we fail to get another oiling and the joints go stiff and stop or hinder the working of the body.

And we need willing workers who will take the place of the thighs and be these great unseen forces that are so necessary to the body and yet get no applause for their work. As I search out these different parts of the body and see the mission of each part, I am inclined to believe that these effectual parts that are so necessary, yet often neglected, is the prayer joints—the jewel joints.

Oh! how we need men and women who will volunteer for this great work of prayer and pour out their hearts and lives to God as Elijah did, until something is accomplished. People who will shut themselves up for

days and shut out the toils and cares of this life, and get in touch with God and ask until things come to pass. Not much honor would be bestowed upon such a one but how quickly the Holy Ghost would operate on the hearts of men and women if He were prevailed upon in such a way. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Rom. 8:26.) Oh for vessels that are so emptied that He could come into them and use them for a channel through which He could intercede at the Father's throne, for He understands our needs and could make them known to the Father if He had the right of way. He wondered that there was no intercessor." (Isa. 59:16.)

The blessed Holy Ghost must be our intercessor for He alone can plead for us at the throne of mercies. The time has been when people could move along without much prayer, but not so to-day. It takes real intercessory prayer to break through the myriads of evil spirits that surround us at times, and make an appeal to the Father. How often in these last days have we been in altar service when it seemed it was almost impossible to pray. Even the saints were bound and the very atmosphere of hell seemed to be in our midst. At once some empty vessel that was in touch with God became a channel for the Spirit to work through, and God would hear and answer, and souls would be born into the Kingdom of God and His Christ.

The comparison became so beautiful to me as I read not long ago of cutting of diamonds. Many years ago they were cut by hand which was a very tedious and slow process. Often valuable jewels were ruined in the cutting. Sometimes it would take years to cut them by hand, but after a while they were considered fit for the king's crown.

The great Mogul before it was cut, weighed 787½ carat. After being cut, it weighed 240. This precious gem was cut by machinery that only took thirty eight days to do the work. If it had been cut by hand, it would have taken years. The Orloff, another precious gem, had a deep flaw and the wheel which ground it out made 30,000 revolutions a minute. Before it was cut, it was valued at \$10,000; after being cut, it was sold for \$60,000, and when re-cut and made more perfect brought \$450,000. God has made precious diamonds in the rough. Christians, can we stand it? May He cut us as jewel joints? Kings have been known to give their choicest gems to some great artist of the stage or music. Likewise Christ gives His choice jewel (prayer work) to those who are willing to be trained to it.

In the ark of the covenant God came down and "shined" from between the solid gold cherubs. And the reason He is not shining more on us is because He has no place to shine forth. We need the flaws ground out and oh, it takes so many revolutions of the wheel and we become discouraged and fail to hold still while He cuts away.

Before the Holy Spirit was given, the old slow process would do, but now He wants to make a quick work, and He is using every usable vessel through which He can work. O, beloved, if this great work is ever accomplished in our day, that is placed in your hands and mine, it must be done through these forces—the hidden jewel

joints, the life of prayer. When Zion travaileth, sons and daughters are brought forth. Read Micah 4:10. When are these things to be accomplished? When Zion travail, gets troubled, has great anguish.

Many on whom this work was laid drew back for it is a heavy weight to be always bearing about in our body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Oh, for real soul travail, for the agonizing sorrow that almost rends the heart from the bosom. Who will volunteer into this service as the prophet of old and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Many people covet to be some part of the body that much honor will be bestowed upon, but very few, if any, covet to be the hidden joints. These hidden joints, how they strengthen us when we are striving to deliver a message under difficulties or in the face of great opposition. Give me a few good working, fresh oiled prayer joints and I can do miracles in the face of all opposition. Oh, that we had more of them. Oh, that we could see the many things that could be accomplished through it, and the great possibilities there are in being an intercessor—a jewel joint. You can now begin to see why this beautiful comparison, the joints of the thighs, are like jewels. It will take this to bring God's people into a oneness, and to send out the thousands of missionaries now needed on the field to perfect the Church and get us ready for His glorious appearance.

As we go about the work of this year, pray that God will give us a life of prayer and make a real jewel joint out of us. Be sure to have every part well lubricated with fresh "oil" so there will be no friction.

If we would learn to be a "supplying" joint, let us live moment by moment in relationship with Him so that He can trust us into the jewel joint He waits to make us. For "All the body by joints and bands, having nourishment ministered and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God." (Col. 2:19.)

Many things are waiting to be accomplished and we have only a short period to work. These things can be accomplished through the Holy Spirit as we yield ourselves to Him and let Him operate through us.

Let us determine that we will make no effort on our part and never deny the Holy Spirit when He wants to use us. Real soul travail is what God will honor. If you are not successful in your revival, try tarrying before God until the blessed Spirit comes to your rescue and talks to the Father with groanings which cannot be uttered, and the meeting will be one of victory. Here is the secret of a revival. Often you can gain this victory on the outside or in the secret of your room. You can be a hidden joint, a perfect jewel, and people will wonder at your power in a meeting, your joy, your success as a soul winner. But, dear ones, there is the secret. Have the Spirit to talk to the Father about these matters, and He will bring it to pass. He must have empty vessels, though, to work through. God help us to empty ourselves and be submissive so He can make a jewel joint of us.

A Personal Letter from a Former Bible Student

Unto the Church of God Bible School Students, Teachers and All Who are Helping Push This Great Movement to the Front—Greetings in the Dear Name of Jesus:
The great God of heaven

and earth looks down upon you with His all seeing eyes, forming in your precious minds some of the things the world is depending upon. As you know, dearly beloved, the great doors swing upon the hinges, depending entirely upon them, God is depending partly upon you all in accomplishing great things for Him. We turn back a few hundred years ago and we see the Monks in their little sacred places, busy translating and studying the Scriptures, giving their time to this work.

As you sit in your sacred chambers in the Evangel building with the wings of God over you, studying the precious Book of books, whom men have given their life's blood for, this great institution is pushing forward, holding up the blood stained banner, that was for many years trampled under foot of man.

Holding out the light and love of God to a lost world, may God give you such holy zeal that will make you great men and women in bringing souls to Christ, and holding up His Church through the rest of your lives. To your teacher, may God give her great knowledge and wisdom, to teach you through the leading of the Holy Ghost.

But not only the little holy sanctuary in the Evangel office, there is another place that brings comfort to you. This is the home of Brother and Sister Tomlinson, with mother Tomlinson as a mother to you, and Brother Tomlinson as a father.

Remember, dearly beloved, there are many thousand friends on the battlefield praying and wishing you great success. Do your best and make good time for it will return unto you as bread cast upon the waters.

One who loves you and wishes for you great success.

Yours for the Master and His Church,

Jesse Danehower.

The Joybells are Ringing

To All the Dear Saints Everywhere:

I want to sound a note of praise to God. He has done so much for me. The real joy bells are ringing in my soul, thank God. I am so glad I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

I have been trusting the Lord for my family nearly four years. We had a bad case of the influenza last winter. We lost one child but my husband was almost raised from the dead.

I have many temptations but I am sure the Lord will give us sufficient grace to overcome.

I love everybody this morning and I praise God for the love in the dear old Church of God.

Saints, pray that I may stay humble.

Your sister in Jesus,
Emma Hopkins,
Guntton Park, Va.

Rome, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—

Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am so glad I can say I am one of them. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. I do not belong to the Church of God but I want to.

I praise God for His great power to heal me when I get sick.

I was in a wonderful meeting Sunday night. It makes me want to live closer to the Lord. I mean to live closer to Him than ever before.

Pray that my husband will be saved, sanctified and get the blessed Holy Ghost.

Your sister in the battle,
Leona Strand.

A Good Report.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

The dear Lord is still pouring out His Spirit. Our pastor, W. B. Davis, and wife, assisted by F. J. Crowder, have just closed a ten days meeting at Marion, Va. The Lord blessed all the way through. Ten were saved, seven sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the Church of God. We observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. Every body were in harmony and unity. The saints were dancing, speaking in tongues, hot stove pipes were handled, the organ played under the power many times, and some were slayed under the power.

Many are looking this way. We want all the dear saints to pray for the work here.

Yours for lost souls,
Mrs. Minnie Stewart.

Townsend, Tenn.

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings:

I want to sound a note of praise to our blessed Lord. I praise God for victory over sin and for the abiding Comforter which came in to take up His abode, Aug. 12, 1919 Praise His good name! I feel His blessed Spirit now.

We have a band of about thirty members here. Pray much that God will send some Spirit-filled preacher to feed the hungry souls. We are always glad to see God's servants come here and we are glad to take care of them as long as they stay.

Your sister under the blood,
Eliza L. Hicks.

Bible Training School.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of God:

I want to sound a note of praise to God for what He is to me. I praise Him because the Comforter abides.

I thank God for the Bible Training School for I am a student. It means so much to study the Bible. I wish every saint could take this Bible course for it is wonderful.

I praise God for the Sunday school work.

All of you pray for me, and pray for my husband to be saved.

Your humble sister,
Velma Bynum,
Berryton, Ga.

The Lord Blessed

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for the deep settled peace down in my soul. Glory to God! I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Bless His dear name!

We had a wonderful prayer service at a brother's home the other night. The saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues. I had a vision, saw a number of angels as white as the whitest pearls in the air at one time, then again at the top of a golden stair reaching from earth to heaven. Glory to God! A message was given calling sinners to come this way, the true way.

Praise His dear name! The way grows brighter. Pray that I may stand true.

My little boy had a cough and he coughed so badly that he became sore. He told us to pray for him and God wonderfully healed him. He has not coughed since. Praise God! To Him be all the praise.

I mean to go all the way with Jesus.

Your humble sister in Christ,

Bertie Long,
Bronson, Fla.

